D H E C PROMOTE PROTECT PROSPER	Mining Form MR-400	S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BUREAU OF LAND AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF MINING AND SOLID WASTE PERMITTING 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 Telephone Number: (803) 896-4261 Fax Number: (803) 896-4001

APPLICATION FOR A MINE OPERATING PERMIT
DHEC FORM MR-400 DATE VERSION ADOPTED 7/1/94

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"The South Carolina Mining Act," Sections 48-20-10 through 48-20-310, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended provides in part: "No operator may engage in mining without having first obtained from the Department an operating permit which covers the affected land and which has not been terminated, been revoked, suspended for the period in question, or otherwise become invalided." (Section 48-20-60)

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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name of Company: Laurel Oaks Plantation, LLC

   Check form of business entity: ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☑ Limited Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship

2. Name of Proposed Mine: Laurel Oaks County: Charleston

3. Home Office Address: PO Box 63535, 3691 Paramount Drive (843) 572-0088
   (Street and P.O. Box) (Telephone No.)
   Charleston SC (843)553-1390
   (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Fax. No.)

4. Local Office Address: Same
   (Street and P.O. Box) (Telephone No.)
   (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Fax. No.)

5. Designate to which office Official Mail is to be sent (check one):

   ☒ Home Office ☐ Local Office

6. Name of company personnel and their title to be the contact for official business and correspondence:

   Dan Thompson/ Managing Partner - VP

7. Location of Mine: Old Jacksonboro Road (S-10-1845) Ravenel
   (State or County Hwy No.) (Nearest Town or City)

8. Locate accurately on a county map, USGS 7.5' Topographic Map, or draw a detailed map to scale of: (1) how to get to your local office and (2) how to get to the mine (attach to this application).

9. If land is leased, complete the following:

   A. Name of landowner:

   Landowner's Address:
   (Street and PO Box) (City)
   (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone Number)

   B. Date lease became effective:

   Date of lease termination:

   Name of lessee:

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II. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MINE:

1. Material(s) to be mined: Sand Clay

2. Mining Method:

   A. List equipment to be used for mining and provide a brief description as to how the mine will be operated.

   Equipment: Excavator
   Method: Topsoil will be stripped from the surface and will be relocated on site. Sand and other materials will be removed using an excavator or loader.

   B. Will there be a process plant located at the mine site within the boundary of the permitted area?
   ☐ Yes ☑ No If no, please provide a brief description of the plant equipment and function of the plant.

3. Do you anticipate blasting as part of the mining operation? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, provide the distance to the nearest inhabited structure not owned or leased by the applicant. Also, provide as an attachment to this application the names and addresses of all the owners of all structures within one-half mile from the nearest point of blasting during the life of the proposed mine. How will flyrock be prevented from being projected from the permitted area?

4. Has this site been mined in the past? If so, please indicate the present condition of the land.

   No. The property is currently forested woodlands.

5. What is the expected maximum depth of this mine? Provide any additional information about the final depth of the mine that would be useful to the Department. (Example: Final depth of pit will be level to adjacent road, elevation above Mean Sea Level (MSL)).

   Thirty Feet

III. DETERMINATION OF PERMITTED ACREAGE, AFFECTED ACREAGE AND RECLAMATION BOND

1. Total acres for which permit is being requested:

   64.5 Permitted acres owned by the operator

   _____ Permitted acres leased by the operator

Note: Permitted acreage should include the following: 1) acres of land to be affected (excavation, processing plant, stockpiles, etc.); 2) future area(s) to be mined and 3) land to be used for buffer zones around the affected land. The permitted area should be the property described in the LAND ENTRY AGREEMENT(S) (FORMS MR-600 OR MR-700).

2. Total affected acreage:

	Acres
A) Area used for sediment control ponds	0.5
B) Area used for stockpiles of unprocessed minerals	0.0
C) Area used for spoil (overburden) banks, topsoil and disposal refuse (exclusive of tailings impoundments)	5.0
D) Areas used for on-site processing facilities and stockpiles of processed minerals	0.0
E) Areas used for tailings pond (waste material from mineral processing)	0.0
F) Area for access or haul roads	4.0
G) Area for excavation during the period of this permit **OR** If mining and reclamation are to be done in segments, state the size of each segment (acres)_____. Multiply the size of the segments by 3 and enter the resulting number. ---------->	55.0
H) TOTAL OF 2A THROUGH 2G	64.5

3. Check acreage to be bonded: total affected acreage calculated from Section 2.

   ☐ 0.00 - 9.99 acres (bond amount - $10,000)

   ☐ 10.00 - 14.99 acres (bond amount - $15,000)

   ☐ 15.00 - 24.99 acres (bond amount - $25,000)

   ☑ 25.00 + acres (bond amount - $25,000 or greater)

   Applicant may submit a reclamation cost estimate for mines that will affect greater than 25 acres. Estimate should be based upon requirements in Regulation 89-200 B.

4. Will this operation be covered by a blanket bond? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, please list your company's other permitted mining operations in South Carolina giving mine names, permit numbers and state the present reclamation bond amount on file with this Department.

5. Number of years for which this permit is requested. The requested number of years the permit is requested should coincide with the Schedule of Reclamation as proposed by the applicant in the RECLAMATION PLAN, (Form MR-500). 5 years

IV. PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES*

1. Will there be a waste water treatment system at your mine site? ☐ Yes ☑ No
2. Will there be a point source discharge from your plant or mine requiring an NPDES Permit? ☑ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, provide information as to how stormwater and groundwater will be managed?
   See Attached
3. Will there be air contaminant emissions from your plant or mine requiring an Air Quality Permit? ☐ Yes ☑ No
4. Do you anticipate pumping of groundwater? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe.
   See Attached
5. Will jurisdictional wetlands be affected, filled or altered in any fashion that will require a Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permit? ☐ Yes ☑ No
6. Are there any known cultural or historic sites located within the proposed area to be permitted? ☐ Yes ☑ No
7. Will any part of the permitted area be used as a solid waste describe how waste, trash, scrap metal material, garbage will be handled. ☐ Yes ☑ No

*NOTE: For questions 1-7 that need additional space for explanations, please provide additional information on an attached sheet to this application.

8. Describe the wildlife or freshwater, estuarine or marine fisheries in the area of the mining operation. Also provide information about any ponds and/or streams that may be located in the proposed permitted area.

   Wildlife in the area are typical of indigenous species inhabiting managed timberlands. There are no ponds or streams within the proposed mine site. On site wetlands will not be impacted by mining activity.

9. State the land cover and land uses on the permitted land area and contiguous tracts of land to the permitted land area.

   The mine site is a forested woodlands site in a rural area of Ravenel, Charleston County. Forested wetlands and managed forested woodlands are located to the north and east, and low density residential to the west and across Old Jacksonboro Road to the south.

10. Describe measures to be taken to insure against (1) substantial deposits of sediment in neighboring streams, rivers lakes or ponds; (2) landslides; (3) acid water formation and discharge. Attach any supporting documents (engineering designs, calculations, sediment & erosion control plan, setbacks, geotechnical information, acid prediction test etc.) to this application.

    (1) Sediment shall be trapped on site & not released outside the permitted area. This should be accomplished with the use & proper maintenance of the sediment control pond and in the use of Best Management Practices (BMP's) in the pumping and routing of stormwater from the pit to the sediment control basin.
    (2) Final slopes will be a minimum of 3H:1V and stabilized with a permanent vegetative cover to minimize potential for landslides or unstable mine walls.
    (See Attached)

V. SAFETY

1. Describe methods to be used during the time the mine operating permit is active to prevent physical hazards to persons and to any neighboring dwelling, house, school, church, hospital, commercial or industrial building or public road. If applicable, provide the zoning designation for the property to permitted.

   A gate will be installed at the entrance to the mine site and kept locked during inactive periods. Warning and/or Danger signs shall be posted around the perimeter of the property. Operator shall use BMP's to prevent accumulation of sediment/soil on public roads carried by trucks and other vehicles exiting the mine site. Daily inspections will be made and appropriate actions taken as necessary by the operator.

2. Describe methods to be used to prevent an adverse effect on the purposes of a publicly-owned park, publicly-owned forest, or publicly-owned recreation area. If any of these facilities are within one (1) mile of the proposed affected property, please locate on mine location map and the submitted U.S.G.S topographic map for this application.

   Forested wetlands are located to the north of the mining site. These wetlands will not be impacted as there is a 50' minimum mining activity setback and a 75' minimum excavation setback from any adjacent forested wetlands.

3. Describe measures to be taken for screening the operation from view from public highways, public parks or residential areas.

   The surrounding natural area of the site will screen the area from public view. Existing vegetation will be preserved for a minimum setback of 75' from mining operations from existing property lines.

VI. MINE MAP

1. Provide the U.S.G.S. topographic map(s) that contains the proposed mine site. The proposed permitted area should be outlined on this submitted topographic map.

2. Attach **two (2)** copies of a map of the site (referred to as the MINE MAP) that shows the following:

   A. Outline of the area to be affected by mining during the number of years for which the permit is requested. See Section III, Question 1 on page 3 of this application form.

   B. Outline of the permitted area that shows the buffers zones, future mine areas and areas to be affected by mining.

   C. Outline of the planned pits or excavations for which your company has detailed plans. If your company has reason to believe that additional land may be mined in the future within the permitted area but is not feasible to show as planned excavations; indicate these areas as FUTURE RESERVES on this site map.

   D. Outline of areas for the storage of naturally occurring soil that will be suitable for the establishment of vegetation in final reclamation.

   E. Outline of planned areas for disposal of refuse, exclusive of tailings ponds.

   F. Outline of planned spoil, overburden or other similar waste material disposal areas.

   G. Locations of planned access and haul roads on the area to be affected.

H. Outline of planned tailings ponds.

I. Locations of sediment control pond(s) and other sediment control structures within the affected area. Outline of areas on which temporary or permanent vegetation will be established to control erosion during the mine operation.

J. Location and name (if appropriate) of streams, lakes, wetlands and existing drainage ditches within the area to be permitted. Use arrows to indicate direction of water flow in such streams and drainage ditches.

K. Boundary for the 100 year floodplain, where appropriate.

L. Outline of areas for stockpiles of unprocessed minerals.

M. Outline of area of previously mined land that will not be affected.

N. Outline of the area to be occupied by processing facilities including stockpiles of processed minerals if such facilities are to be an integral on-site part of the mining operation.

O. Show location of the two permanent survey control points.

P. A legend showing the name of applicant, name of the proposed mine, north arrow, county, scale, date of preparation and name and title of person who prepared the site map.

THE REQUIRED SITE MAP SHALL HAVE A NEAT, LEGIBLE APPEARANCE AND BE OF SUFFICIENT SCALE TO CLEARLY SHOW THE REQUIRED INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE. THE BASE FOR THE MAP SHALL BE EITHER A SPECIALLY PREPARED LINE DRAWING, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, ENLARGED USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OR A RECENTLY PREPARED PLAT.

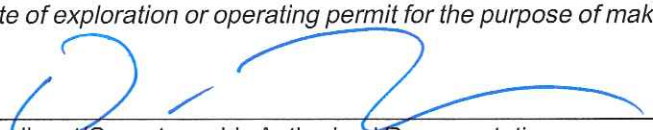
3. Provide the most recent county tax map that shows all contiguous land owners of the permitted mine site. Provide name and addresses of all land owners contiguous to the proposed permitted mine site.

4. Provide letter from an attorney attesting to (1) the ownership if the property, (2) ownership of the mineral rights and (3) that the applicant has the legal right to mine the proposed mineral resource on the property as described in this application.

We hereby certify that all information and details contained hereinabove, within any supporting documents and on the map are true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We fully understand that any willful misrepresentation of facts will be cause for permit revocation.

The applicant acknowledges that Section 48-20-130, Code of Laws of South Carolina, provides in part:

"Upon receipt of the operator's annual report or report of completion of reclamation and at any other reasonable time the department may elect, the department shall inspect the permit area to determine if the operator has complied with the reclamation plan, the requirements of this chapter, regulations promulgated by its authority, and the terms and conditions of this permit. Accredited representatives of the department at all reasonable times may enter upon the land subject to the certificate of exploration or operating permit for the purpose of making the inspection."



Signature of Applicant/Operator or his Authorized Representative

Dan Thompson

Printed Name of Applicant/Operator or his Authorized Representative

Managing Member

Title

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Date

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Application No.: _____ Date Application Approved: _____ Date Bond Rec'd: _____

Bond Amount: _____ Blanket or Single Bond Permit Issuance Date: _____

ACTION TAKEN ON THIS APPLICATION

_____ Approved _____ Denied _____ Approve with additional Terms and Conditions

By:_____
DIVISION DIRECTOR

Date:_____

Permit Supplemental Responses Attachment

Section IV.

2. Stormwater and groundwater will be managed through Best Management Practices (BMP's) by routing stormwater and groundwater through the associated sediment basin. Operator will provide routine maintenance of the sediment basin to ensure proper operation.

4. Groundwater will be pump via suction pump and discharged directly into the sediment basin. A float will be attached to the suction hose to prevent sediment from being discharged into the sediment basin. Operator will provide routine maintenance of the sediment basin to ensure proper operation.

10. (3) Acid water is not anticipated to be generated from the oxidation of existing materials currently found on the site.